Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-13, 16 and 17 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-13, 16 and 17 are rejected. Claims 1-17 have been canceled and Claims 18-37 have been added by the present response. The amendments do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections with respect of the added claims are rendered moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0085. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,

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